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Number of Referrals and IFSP Eligibility Rates by Month

| SPOE | Feb-23 | Mar-23 | Apr-23 | May-23 | Jun-23 | Jul-23 | Aug-23 | Sep-23 | Oct-23 | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | Jan-24 | Total | Avg. per Month |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months) | 183 | 167 | 175 | 146 | 149 | 166 | 163 | 149 | 171 | 180 | 144 | 197 | 1,990 | 165.8 |
| Referrals resulting in IFSP | 83 | 78 | 68 | 57 | 80 | 88 | 84 | 70 | 80 | 87 | 72 | 79 | 926 | 77.2 |
| % that went to IFSP | 45.4% | 46.7% | 38.9% | 39.0% | 53.7% | 53.0% | 51.5% | 47.0% | 46.8% | 48.3% | 50.0% | 40.1% | 46.5% | |
| St. Louis County (Reg. 2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months) | 191 | 257 | 221 | 261 | 172 | 194 | 248 | 191 | 263 | 221 | 170 | 241 | 2,630 | 219.2 |
| Referrals resulting in IFSP | 78 | 109 | 95 | 113 | 75 | 76 | 105 | 66 | 120 | 79 | 57 | 79 | 1,052 | 87.7 |
| % that went to IFSP | 40.8% | 42.4% | 43.0% | 43.3% | 43.6% | 39.2% | 42.3% | 34.6% | 45.6% | 35.7% | 33.5% | 32.8% | 40.0% | |
| Northeast (Reg. 3) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months) | 83 | 99 | 82 | 79 | 73 | 70 | 89 | 81 | 85 | 83 | 55 | 80 | 959 | 79.9 |
| Referrals resulting in IFSP | 29 | 37 | 28 | 33 | 26 | 28 | 34 | 28 | 35 | 27 | 22 | 23 | 350 | 29.2 |
| % that went to IFSP | 34.9% | 37.4% | 34.1% | 41.8% | 35.6% | 40.0% | 38.2% | 34.6% | 41.2% | 32.5% | 40.0% | 28.8% | 36.5% | |
| Northwest (Reg. 4) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months) | 127 | 124 | 131 | 121 | 130 | 98 | 134 | 83 | 137 | 93 | 102 | 114 | 1,394 | 116.2 |
| Referrals resulting in IFSP | 46 | 46 | 52 | 50 | 49 | 39 | 61 | 36 | 58 | 39 | 52 | 47 | 575 | 47.9 |
| % that went to IFSP | 36.2% | 37.1% | 39.7% | 41.3% | 37.7% | 39.8% | 45.5% | 43.4% | 42.3% | 41.9% | 51.0% | 41.2% | 41.2% | |
| Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months) | 204 | 233 | 218 | 227 | 203 | 164 | 224 | 195 | 198 | 196 | 189 | 207 | 2,458 | 204.8 |
| Referrals resulting in IFSP | 88 | 96 | 69 | 94 | 88 | 64 | 94 | 80 | 69 | 68 | 73 | 87 | 970 | 80.8 |
| % that went to IFSP | 43.1% | 41.2% | 31.7% | 41.4% | 43.3% | 39.0% | 42.0% | 41.0% | 34.8% | 34.7% | 38.6% | 42.0% | 39.5% | |
| Central (Reg. 6) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months) | 120 | 110 | 131 | 142 | 112 | 113 | 155 | 130 | 128 | 120 | 95 | 106 | 1,462 | 121.8 |
| Referrals resulting in IFSP | 46 | 54 | 59 | 58 | 37 | 45 | 70 | 62 | 50 | 46 | 42 | 33 | 602 | 50.2 |
| % that went to IFSP | 38.3% | 49.1% | 45.0% | 40.8% | 33.0% | 39.8% | 45.2% | 47.7% | 39.1% | 38.3% | 44.2% | 31.1% | 41.2% | |
| Southwest (Reg. 7) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months) | 68 | 83 | 76 | 67 | 78 | 62 | 85 | 83 | 66 | 60 | 46 | 77 | 851 | 70.9 |
| Referrals resulting in IFSP | 37 | 44 | 33 | 30 | 36 | 28 | 41 | 47 | 29 | 32 | 19 | 39 | 415 | 34.6 |
| % that went to IFSP | 54.4% | 53.0% | 43.4% | 44.8% | 46.2% | 45.2% | 48.2% | 56.6% | 43.9% | 53.3% | 41.3% | 50.6% | 48.8% | |
| South Central (Reg. 8) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months) | 158 | 137 | 153 | 135 | 138 | 125 | 127 | 151 | 147 | 120 | 120 | 127 | 1,638 | 136.5 |
| Referrals resulting in IFSP | 69 | 52 | 70 | 44 | 55 | 53 | 55 | 67 | 58 | 46 | 48 | 43 | 660 | 55.0 |
| % that went to IFSP | 43.7% | 38.0% | 45.8% | 32.6% | 39.9% | 42.4% | 43.3% | 44.4% | 39.5% | 38.3% | 40.0% | 33.9% | 40.3% | |
| East Central (Reg. 9) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months) | 141 | 162 | 130 | 152 | 131 | 128 | 166 | 132 | 137 | 113 | 128 | 137 | 1,657 | 138.1 |
| Referrals resulting in IFSP | 65 | 73 | 55 | 68 | 54 | 51 | 74 | 56 | 55 | 41 | 46 | 52 | 690 | 57.5 |
| % that went to IFSP | 46.1% | 45.1% | 42.3% | 44.7% | 41.2% | 39.8% | 44.6% | 42.4% | 40.1% | 36.3% | 35.9% | 38.0% | 41.6% | |
| Southeast (Reg. 10) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months) | 107 | 134 | 114 | 104 | 87 | 110 | 115 | 112 | 108 | 94 | 69 | 107 | 1,261 | 105.1 |
| Referrals resulting in IFSP | 48 | 57 | 54 | 40 | 33 | 39 | 45 | 50 | 54 | 40 | 26 | 42 | 528 | 44.0 |
| % that went to IFSP | 44.9% | 42.5% | 47.4% | 38.5% | 37.9% | 35.5% | 39.1% | 44.6% | 50.0% | 42.6% | 37.7% | 39.3% | 41.9% | |
| Grand Total - Referrals by SPOE | 1382 | 1506 | 1431 | 1434 | 1273 | 1230 | 1506 | 1307 | 1440 | 1280 | 1118 | 1393 | 16,300 | 1358.3 |
| Grand Total - Referral resulting in IFSP | 589 | 646 | 583 | 587 | 533 | 511 | 663 | 562 | 608 | 505 | 457 | 524 | 6,768 | 564.0 |
| % that went to IFSP | 42.6% | 42.9% | 40.7% | 40.9% | 41.9% | 41.5% | 44.0% | 43.0% | 42.2% | 39.5% | 40.9% | 37.6% | 41.5% | |

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child
IFSP counts are unduplicated

Primary Referral Sources and IFSP Eligibility Rates Over Last 12 Months

| SPOE | Medical Providers | Social Service Agencies | Early Childhood Programs | Parent |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1) | | | | |
| Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months) | 887 | 82 | 156 | 865 |
| Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP | 362 | 18 | 63 | 483 |
| IFSP Rate | 40.8% | 22.0% | 40.4% | 55.8% |
| St. Louis County (Reg. 2) | | | | |
| Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months) | 1,239 | 133 | 153 | 1,105 |
| Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP | 431 | 23 | 49 | 549 |
| IFSP Rate | 34.8% | 17.3% | 32.0% | 49.7% |
| Northeast (Reg. 3) | | | | |
| Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months) | 587 | 86 | 107 | 179 |
| Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP | 208 | 19 | 33 | 90 |
| IFSP Rate | 35.4% | 22.1% | 30.8% | 50.3% |
| Northwest (Reg. 4) | | | | |
| Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months) | 624 | 59 | 96 | 615 |
| Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP | 234 | 9 | 30 | 302 |
| IFSP Rate | 37.5% | 15.3% | 31.3% | 49.1% |
| Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5) | | | | |
| Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months) | 1,077 | 166 | 207 | 1,008 |
| Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP | 374 | 38 | 83 | 475 |
| IFSP Rate | 34.7% | 22.9% | 40.1% | 47.1% |
| Central (Reg. 6) | | | | |
| Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months) | 898 | 66 | 149 | 349 |
| Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP | 351 | 19 | 59 | 173 |
| IFSP Rate | 39.1% | 28.8% | 39.6% | 49.6% |
| Southwest (Reg. 7) | | | | |
| Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months) | 375 | 55 | 148 | 273 |
| Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP | 146 | 17 | 85 | 167 |
| IFSP Rate | 38.9% | 30.9% | 57.4% | 61.2% |
| South Central (Reg. 8) | | | | |
| Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months) | 758 | 200 | 250 | 430 |
| Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP | 291 | 41 | 98 | 230 |
| IFSP Rate | 38.4% | 20.5% | 39.2% | 53.5% |
| East Central (Reg. 9) | | | | |
| Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months) | 814 | 144 | 171 | 528 |
| Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP | 322 | 24 | 75 | 269 |
| IFSP Rate | 39.6% | 16.7% | 43.9% | 50.9% |
| Southeast (Reg. 10) | | | | |
| Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months) | 681 | 167 | 1,566 | 284 |
| Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP | 286 | 28 | 628 | 161 |
| IFSP Rate | 42.0% | 16.8% | 40.1% | 56.7% |
| Grand Total - Primary Referrals (last 12 months) | 7,940 | 1,158 | 1,566 | 5,636 |
| Grand Total - Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP | 3,005 | 236 | 628 | 2,899 |
| IFSP Rate for Each Referral Source | 37.8% | 20.4% | 40.1% | 51.4% |
| % by Source - Statewide | 48.7% | 7.1% | 9.6% | 34.6% |

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child

IFSP counts are unduplicated

Medical Providers include Hospital (other than NICU), Physician (inc. Psych.), Other health care provider, Public Health Facilities/Providers, and NICU.

Social Service Agencies include DMH, DHSS, CAPTA, Homeless Family Shelters, Domestic Violence Shelters/Agencies, and Social Service Agency (inc Foster Care).

Early Childhood Programs include Parents as Teachers, Head Start/Early Head Start, Other LEA program, Child Care Program/Provider, and MSD/MSB.

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Program Eligibility

| | | Dev. Delay - Half Age | Dev. Delay - ICO* | Medical Condition/Medical Condition - ICO* | Very Low Birth Weight | Total |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|--------|
| Greater St. Louis (Reg.1) | Number | 675 | 120 | 260 | 127 | 1,182 |
| | Percent | 57.1% | 10.2% | 24.5% | 10.7% | 100.0% |
| St. Louis County (Reg.2) | Number | 825 | 158 | 289 | 186 | 1,458 |
| | Percent | 56.6% | 10.8% | 20.6% | 12.8% | 100.0% |
| Northeast (Reg.3) | Number | 288 | 18 | 116 | 50 | 472 |
| | Percent | 61.0% | 3.8% | 31.9% | 10.6% | 100.0% |
| Northwest (Reg.4) | Number | 477 | 26 | 150 | 68 | 721 |
| | Percent | 66.2% | 3.6% | 19.2% | 9.4% | 100.0% |
| Greater Kansas City (Reg.5) | Number | 793 | 17 | 258 | 128 | 1,196 |
| | Percent | 66.3% | 1.4% | 22.0% | 10.7% | 100.0% |
| Central (Reg.6) | Number | 539 | 33 | 200 | 88 | 860 |
| | Percent | 62.7% | 3.8% | 26.4% | 10.2% | 100.0% |
| Southwest (Reg.7) | Number | 351 | 36 | 66 | 38 | 491 |
| | Percent | 71.5% | 7.3% | 18.0% | 7.7% | 100.0% |
| South Central (Reg.8) | Number | 520 | 82 | 168 | 65 | 835 |
| | Percent | 62.3% | 9.8% | 19.0% | 7.8% | 100.0% |
| East Central (Reg.9) | Number | 566 | 33 | 186 | 113 | 898 |
| | Percent | 63.0% | 3.7% | 24.1% | 12.6% | 100.0% |
| Southeast (Reg.10) | Number | 425 | 18 | 115 | 56 | 614 |
| | Percent | 69.2% | 2.9% | 21.3% | 9.1% | 100.0% |
| Grand Total (Statewide) | Number | 5,459 | 541 | 1,808 | 919 | 8,727 |
| | Percent | 62.6% | 6.2% | 20.7% | 10.5% | 100.0% |

* Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)

Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Setting*

| | | Home | Community Setting | Total Natural Environment Setting | Other** | Total |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Greater St. Louis (Reg.1) | Number | 1,091 | 74 | 1,165 | 5 | 1,170 |
| | Percent | 93.2% | 6.3% | 99.6% | 0.4% | 100.0% |
| St. Louis County (Reg.2) | Number | 1,353 | 84 | 1,437 | 10 | 1,447 |
| | Percent | 93.5% | 5.8% | 99.3% | 0.7% | 100.0% |
| Northeast (Reg.3) | Number | 428 | 38 | 466 | 3 | 469 |
| | Percent | 91.3% | 8.1% | 99.4% | 0.6% | 100.0% |
| Northwest (Reg.4) | Number | 655 | 57 | 712 | 0 | 712 |
| | Percent | 92.0% | 8.0% | 100.0% | 0.0% | 100.0% |
| Greater Kansas City (Reg.5) | Number | 1,103 | 74 | 1,177 | 0 | 1,177 |
| | Percent | 93.7% | 6.3% | 100.0% | 0.0% | 100.0% |
| Central (Reg.6) | Number | 762 | 87 | 849 | 0 | 849 |
| | Percent | 89.8% | 10.2% | 100.0% | 0.0% | 100.0% |
| Southwest (Reg.7) | Number | 430 | 57 | 487 | 0 | 487 |
| | Percent | 88.3% | 11.7% | 100.0% | 0.0% | 100.0% |
| South Central (Reg.8) | Number | 705 | 117 | 822 | 1 | 823 |
| | Percent | 85.7% | 14.2% | 99.9% | 0.1% | 100.0% |
| East Central (Reg.9) | Number | 870 | 24 | 894 | 0 | 894 |
| | Percent | 97.3% | 2.7% | 100.0% | 0.0% | 100.0% |
| Southeast (Reg.10) | Number | 555 | 58 | 613 | 0 | 613 |
| | Percent | 90.5% | 9.5% | 100.0% | 0.0% | 100.0% |
| Grand Total (Statewide) | Number | 7,952 | 670 | 8,622 | 19 | 8,641 |
| | Percent | 92.0% | 7.8% | 99.8% | 0.2% | 100.0% |

*Does not include children with meetings in ongoing status.

** Other includes Special Purpose Center, Hospital, Residential Facility, and Service Provider Location.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Race

| | Greater St. Louis (Region 1) | St. Louis County (Region 2) | Northeast (Region 3) | Northwest (Region 4) | Greater Kansas City (Region 5) | Central (Region 6) | Southwest (Region 7) | South Central (Region 8) | East Central (Region 9) | Southeast (Region 10) | State Total |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Total % of Pop | 5.11% | 4.54% | 4.08% | 3.59% | 3.55% | 4.67% | 3.91% | 3.63% | 4.58% | 4.21% | 4.18% |
| Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander* | | | | | | | | | | | |
| % of Pop. | 4.67% | 3.00% | 0.00% | 2.46% | 1.62% | 2.70% | 3.30% | 2.05% | 2.70% | 2.13% | 2.91% |
| Black or African American** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| % of Pop. | 5.38% | 4.99% | 3.80% | 4.37% | 3.86% | 5.93% | 4.68% | 3.54% | 5.66% | 5.11% | 4.75% |
| White | | | | | | | | | | | |
| % of Pop. | 5.06% | 4.41% | 4.15% | 3.56% | 3.60% | 4.56% | 3.95% | 3.72% | 4.56% | 4.10% | 4.14% |
| Native American or Alaska Native | | | | | | | | | | | |
| % of Pop. | 2.25% | 3.92% | 2.78% | 0.57% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.56% | 1.02% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.92% |

*Census data (2022 US Census Estimates) combines race categories Asian & Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

**Children with two or more races are included in the Black percent of population.

Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Ethnicity

| | Greater St. Louis (Region 1) | St. Louis County (Region 2) | Northeast (Region 3) | Northwest (Region 4) | Greater Kansas City (Region 5) | Central (Region 6) | Southwest (Region 7) | South Central (Region 8) | East Central (Region 9) | Southeast (Region 10) | State Total |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Hispanic/Latino | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Active Children | 108 | 100 | 22 | 76 | 181 | 86 | 96 | 68 | 45 | 29 | 811 |
| Under 3 Pop. | 1,521 | 1,798 | 523 | 1,892 | 5,200 | 1,273 | 1,754 | 1,510 | 954 | 707 | 17,132 |
| % of Pop. | 7.10% | 5.56% | 4.21% | 4.02% | 3.48% | 6.76% | 5.47% | 4.50% | 4.72% | 4.10% | 4.73% |
| NOT Hispanic/Latino | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Active Children | 1,074 | 1,358 | 450 | 645 | 1,015 | 774 | 395 | 767 | 853 | 585 | 7,916 |
| Under 3 Pop. | 21,622 | 30,301 | 11,052 | 18,170 | 28,497 | 17,151 | 10,809 | 21,481 | 18,661 | 13,887 | 191,631 |
| % of Pop. | 4.97% | 4.48% | 4.07% | 3.55% | 3.56% | 4.51% | 3.65% | 3.57% | 4.57% | 4.21% | 4.13% |

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP, Last 12 Months

| SPOE | Child Deceased | Completion of IFSP | Moved Out of State | Parent Withdrawn/ Withdrawn due to FCP | Pt B Elig in Process | Pt B Inelig Exit to Other/Pt B Inelig Exit w/o Ref | Pt B Ref Refused Parent | Transition to Part B | Unable to Contact/ Locate | Grand Total |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|----------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Greater St. Louis (Region 1) | 0.5% | 3.9% | 3.4% | 12.0% | 6.5% | 12.9% | 7.7% | 46.7% | 6.4% | 100.0% |
| St. Louis County (Region 2) | 0.2% | 2.3% | 3.2% | 10.6% | 4.8% | 12.1% | 4.4% | 53.1% | 9.4% | 100.0% |
| Northeast (Region 3) | 0.8% | 0.0% | 3.1% | 15.0% | 2.0% | 11.9% | 2.8% | 58.9% | 5.4% | 100.0% |
| Northwest (Region 4) | 0.3% | 1.9% | 4.2% | 18.4% | 3.7% | 11.7% | 5.9% | 49.3% | 4.7% | 100.0% |
| Greater Kansas City (Region 5) | 0.5% | 1.6% | 6.8% | 13.5% | 3.6% | 9.4% | 7.8% | 50.9% | 5.9% | 100.0% |
| Central (Region 6) | 0.0% | 0.4% | 3.2% | 16.0% | 3.2% | 11.5% | 7.2% | 54.3% | 4.2% | 100.0% |
| Southwest (Region 7) | 0.5% | 6.4% | 3.1% | 19.1% | 2.1% | 6.4% | 6.4% | 52.0% | 3.8% | 100.0% |
| South Central (Region 8) | 0.0% | 2.7% | 3.5% | 22.9% | 4.0% | 8.3% | 8.2% | 45.5% | 5.1% | 100.0% |
| East Central (Region 9) | 0.4% | 2.6% | 4.6% | 14.4% | 1.4% | 11.8% | 7.5% | 52.8% | 4.3% | 100.0% |
| Southeast (Region 10) | 0.4% | 0.4% | 5.1% | 18.5% | 2.6% | 15.0% | 9.4% | 40.6% | 8.1% | 100.0% |
| Statewide % | 0.3% | 2.3% | 4.1% | 15.3% | 3.8% | 11.1% | 6.8% | 50.2% | 6.0% | 100.0% |

Percentage = Inactivation Reason/Total for each SPOE

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP can include multiple enrollment periods for one child.